

# 529th CSSB ordered to mobilize for federal active duty

The Virginia National Guard's Virginia Beach-based 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group has received a mobilization order to enter federal active service for duty in the Middle East as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, according to an announcement made July 12, 2018, by Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia. Approximately 70 Soldiers will begin serving on federal active duty in November 2018, and when they arrive in the Middle East they will operate as a mission command headquarters with the task of planning and executing logistics support for U.S. and coalition forces in the Central Command area of operations.

"The 529th CSSB is one of the most well-respected logistics units in the entire U.S. Army," Williams said. "They are led by highly capable and experienced officers and senior NCOs who are well-versed in the many facets of sustainment operations for U.S. and coalition forces in a combat zone, and the Soldiers are second to none. I have the utmost confidence in their ability to perform their mission, and I know they will ensure their units receive all the support they need to be successful."

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/12/11683/>



**Soldiers assigned to the Virginia Beach-based 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group, prepare to travel to Camp Dodge, Iowa, for annual training May 5-18, 2018.**

## Virginia National Guard News Headlines

### Bissell takes command of NATO Headquarters Sarajevo

The NATO Headquarters Transfer of Authority ceremony took place July 9, 2018, between the incoming commander U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Marti J. Bissell and the outgoing commander U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Huston.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/11/11671/>

### Va. National Guard aviation battalion trains around the state

The 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division trained on squad and platoon-level proficiency, door gunnery, personnel recovery, downed aircraft recovery and basic Soldier skills June 2-16, 2018, at Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Pickett and the Army Aviation Support Facility in Sandston, Virginia.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/10/11663/>

### 192nd Security Forces Squadron trains to shoot, move and communicate

Virginia National Guard Airmen assigned to the 192nd Security Forces Squadron conducted and participated in a small team, combat arms live-fire exercise June 23, 2018, at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/30/11680/>

### DMA conducts first-ever Supervisor Course

The Virginia Department of Military Affairs conducted its first-ever Supervisor Course June 4-7, 2018, at Fort Pickett, Virginia, to provide training to our state supervisory staff and to anyone else who supervises and manages state employees.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/28/11674/>

## Did You Know?

### Change of Responsibility Ceremony

The Virginia Army National Guard will conduct a Change of Responsibility Ceremony July 14, 2018, at Defense Supply Center Richmond in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Brig. Gen. Lapthe C. Flora will succeed Brig. Gen. Walter L. Mercer as the Virginia National Guard Assistant Adjutant General – Army, according to an announcement made June 18, 2018, by Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia.

# Virginia cyber warriors join New England exercise

Fourteen Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the Fairfax-based 123rd and 124th Cyber Protection Battalions, 91st Cyber Brigade participated in the Cyber Yankee network defense exercise May 31-June 12, 2018, at Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts National Guard hosts the annual exercise focused on developing stronger collaboration across all New England's cyber network defenses, and more than 200 Soldiers and Airmen took part in the training.

Virginia Soldiers participated both as "Blue Team" members led by the Massachusetts National Guard's 126th Cyber Protection Battalion with Soldiers from five different New England states defending servers, websites, databases and computer programs and "Red Team" members launching exercise cyber attacks from simulated hackers, criminal elements and international non-state actors.

"It has been an amazing learning experience," said 1st Lt. Charles Mayer, a cyber operations officer assigned to the 123rd CPB, said about the exercise. "There are some people taking part in their third or fourth Cyber Yankee exercise, and it is great sitting next to them and learning from them."

Mayer worked on one of the Blue Teams tasked with protecting the network for a water utility. In addition to the simulated computer network, the exercise also included a simulated hardware system that controls water pumps and distribution.

In one of the training scenarios, a network intrusion was detected, and Mayer explained that they were able to conduct the cyber forensics analysis to try and determine how it was compromised. Mayer explained that he also learned about the dynamics of how a cyber team operated.

The exercise also showcased how Guard personnel bring civilian experience with them to the fight, and they take experience from their military training back to their civilian jobs.

Sgt. Tyler Winchester, a cyber operations specialist assigned to 143rd Cyber Warfare Company, 123rd CPB, worked as one of the Red Team members that launched various network attacks against the Blue Teams. He works as a cyber risk manager in his civilian career. Winchester explained that he has been able to gain industry-standard certifications through his military training that he takes back to his civilian job, and he also has training, certifications and experience from his civilian job that he brings to his military duties.

"I am part of a team launching the Blue Team exploits, so I know how they should work," he said. "I am getting first hand experience seeing it and working through the process, and this helps me think about the kinds of things bad actors might try to do to a network in my civilian job."

Neither Mayer or Winchester currently hold an official 17 series Army Cyber MOS, but their civilian experience and on-the-job military training helped prepare them for the exercise. Mayer is an 11A infantry officer with network defense experience who plans to attend the Cyber Operations Officer Course. Winchester is a Communications and Information Systems specialist who



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most recently deployed overseas where he was installing and maintaining satellite systems used for unit communications, and he plans to pursue cyber warrant officer training.

In addition to the individual training opportunities for Soldiers like Mayer and Winchester, Cyber Yankee provided an opportunity for 91st Cyber Command leaders to gain a better understanding of how a large-scale cyber exercise is conducted and could be replicated in Virginia.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/28/11688/>

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